

WASHINGTON, D.C. - David Paulison, head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will visit Monterey County this morning for a briefing on the region's fires. He will be joined by Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Rep. Farr will meet Paulison at the airport and accompany him to the command post in Big Sur.

"I will repeat my request that Monterey County be declared a federal disaster so residents who have lost property will qualify for federal assistance," Rep. Farr said. "President Bush has labeled the region a federal emergency, which provides federal support to fight the fires, but he should take the next step and declare a disaster. The families who have lost their homes deserve no less."

WHAT: Briefing at Basin Complex Fire Incident Command Post.

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